Closure of Stretch Fibres (India) Ltd.

2339. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an industrial unit run by the Stretch Fibres (India) Ltd. in MIDC industrial area (Hingna) in Nagpur has been closed for a long time;

(b) whether it is also a fact that workers salary from February 1984 has not been paid and provident fund and ESI dues have not been deposited by the management not only its own share but also the deductions made from the workers' emoluments;

(c) whether any representation has been received to hold an enquiry under the Industrial Development Regulation Act from the workers or others and serious charges of mismanagement have been made; and

(d) whether Government are contemplating taking over and to start the unit?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, SUPPLY AND INDUSTRY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Micro Computers for Schools

2340. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to instal micro computers in the Centrally administered schools in the first stage and then to cover two and a half lakhs of schools in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether all these computers will be imported or locally produced, which computer manufacturing company would be assigned this job and whether any foreign collaboration would be needed and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) The Union Government is implementing a Pilot Project for introducing Computer Literacy and Studies in 250 secondary/higher secondary schools all over India (except three U.Ts., viz., Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep) during 1984-85. The programme for the Seventh Five Year Plan is still to be finalised.

(b) The Computer systems for the Pilot Project are being supplied by the Government of U.K. under a bilateral technical cooperation arrangement between the two countries. The expansion of the programme beyond the Pilot Phase will be based on indigenously produced computer systems. Semiconductor Complex Limited (SCL), a Government of India Undertaking, have been asked to take necessary steps, including any technology transfer, for indigenous development of microprocessor and key components within the limits of feasibility.

Home for the Aged in Delhi

2341. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up homes for the aged to meet the need of a large population of Delhi in different areas; and

(b) whether Government also propose to support private groups in setting-up such homes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) There is one home for the old and infirm